Development of Muzaffarpur City in Bihar

†1620. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government develop the cities by working out projects based on population and category;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to develop the city of Muzaffarpur in Bihar;

(c) if so, the category under which Government propose to develop Muzaffarpur and whether the process of categorization has been examined; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT), selected small and medium towns within the population of 5 lakhs as per 1991 census are given Central assistance based on the detailed project reports submitted by State Governments in accordance with the prevailing guidelines of the scheme. Muzaffarpur, which is a Category 'D' town (population being 2,40,450 persons as per 1991 census) as per existing Guidelines, was covered under the IDSMT scheme during the year 1995-96. The approved project cost was Rs. 513.30 lakhs comprising of two commercial schemes, four roads and three miscellaneous schemes namely, Kalyan mantap, Yatri Niwas and a Slaughter house. Central assistance of Rs. 30.00 lakhs has been released to the town against which an expenditure of Rs. 15.61 lakhs has been reported by the State Government. The State Government did not submit utilization certificate for the earlier release and hence the balance Central

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assistance amounting to Rs. 165.98 lakhs was not released to the town.

In so far as the urban water supply sector is concerned, this Ministry considers water supply schemes under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) of Government of India. Assistance is provided to the State Governments for providing water supply to the towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 Census, on 50:50 cost basis to be borne by Central and State Governments. Since population of Muzaffarpur town is more than 20,000 as per 1991 census it does not qualify for assistance under AUWSP. Moreover, no project proposal has been received from Government of Bihar for water supply and sanitation facilities in Muzaffarpur town during last 5 years either for seeking Life Insurance Corporation or external funding.

Pay scale of AEs in CPWD

1621. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay scale of Assistant Engineers in CPWD is lower than the pay scale of similar cadre in Railway, Telecom., P&T, AIR etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that P&T (Telecom) and AIR were earlier served by CPWD;

(c) whether it is also a fact that P&T (Telecom) Civil Wing and AIR (Civil Wing) are followed CPWD's works specifications and Schedule of Work since beginning; and

(d) if so, the reasons for different scales of pay for the Assistant Engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. At present Assistant Engineers in CPWD are placed in the pay scale of Rs. 6500-200-10500/—However, as per recommendations of the Fifth Pay